1	2	3
8.	Cheating	2
9.	Kidnapping	8
10.	304 Indian Penal Code	4
11.	307 Indian Penal Code	15
12.	Escape from Jail	1
13.	324 Indian Penal Code	1
14.	328 Indian Penal Code	3
15.	Explosive Act	1
16.	436 Indian Penal Code	1
17.	Delhi Police Act	1
18.	Arms Act	4

(c) The Supreme Court, in two public interest litigations, recently laid down the criteia for release of those undertrials who have already spent the maximum time for which they could have been sentenced on conviction. In pursuance to these directions of the Apex Court, About 400 prisoners were released under the orders of the trial courts.

HOPCOM Outlets

3584. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Cooperative Development Corporation has sanctioned any amount to open Horticulture Produce cooperative Marketing (HOPCOM) outlets in the Karnataka State;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for the said purpose;

(c) the number of HOPCOM outlets to be opened in the State with NCDC assistance.

(d) the places where these would be opened?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (d). yes, Sir. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) as part of their expansion programme has sanctioned financial assistance for setting up of retail outlets only to Horticulture Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society Ltd., (HOPCOMS) Lalbagh, Bangalore, Karnataka State. The corporation has approved setting up of 245 retails outlets by HOPCOMS at an estimated cost of Rs.177.80 lakhs during 1990-91 wherein NCDC's share of assistance was Rs.133.80 lakhs during 1990-91 wherein NCDC's share of assistance was Rs.133.35 lakhs. The HOPCOMS, Bangalore have opened these retail outlets as under :-

Name of City	No. of retail outlets
1	2
Bangalore	156
Mysore	36
Mangalore	19
Kolar	13
Mandya	13
Tumkur	8
	245

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief Fund

3585. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all staff members of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) have voluntarily donated one day's salary in the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief Fund, 1996.

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether officials of NSCFDC were also deputed in Andhra Pradesh to provide assistance for undertaking economic activities?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs.22,022/- being one days' salary of NSFDC's employees has been sent to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief Fund vide Cheque No. 201865 dated 18-11-1996.

(c) Yes, Sir. NSFDC had deputed its Zonal Officer, Hyderabad to visit areas affected by cuyclone to take stock of the situation and extent of damages suffered by SCs and STs covered under NSFDC's schemes and also to suggest measures for providing other assistance to the effected SC & ST families. On the basis of the recommendation of the State channelising agency, necessary remedial measures will be taken by the NSFDC.

Import of Fertilizers from CIS Countries

3586. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
DR. C. SILVERA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have relaxed statutory specifications for the potassic fertilisers being imported from the Commonwealth of Independent States countries despite the Indian Council of Agricultural Research's warning that it would encourage the inferior imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take some measures to remove the apprehensions of I.C.A.R. while importing potassic fertilisers from the CIS countries;